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DAKAR PASS BANJUL

PARIS FOR HELMAN, BRUSSELS FOR USEC MARTIN, ROME FOR FODAG

1. THE CHIEF PURPOSE OF THE ABIDJAN MEETING IS TO PERMIT OUR AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES IN THOSE COUNTRIES MOST AFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION AND ON US AND OTHER DONOR EFFORTS TO COPE WITH IT. THIS EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE MARCH 30. AN AGENDA WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

2. MEETINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 29 FOR NON-AID MATTERS. THERE WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO COVER ALL THE SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS NOR IS THE MEETING TO HAVE THE FORMALITY AND DEPTH OF DISCUSSION OF USUAL AF CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCES. ACTION ADDRESSEE COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR MARCH 29 ARE SOLICITED.

3. AMBASSADOR EASUM AND AF/W DIRECTOR LOUGHRAN WISH TO MEET WITH EACH CHIEF OF MISSION. CONSEQUENTLY THEY WOULD

SET ASIDE FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON FOR HALF HOUR SESSIONS IN FOLLOWING SEQUENCE: CHAD, IVORY COAST, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA, AND THE GAMBIA. FROM 12:00 UNTIL 1:00 THEY WOULD MEET WITH THE COMS COLLECTIVELY. FOREGOING MEETINGS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE CHANCERY.
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4. FROM 2:30 UNTIL 5:30 P.M. AMBASSADOR EASUM WOULD LEAD A DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. PARTICIPATION WOULD INCLUDE THE COMS AND AMBASSADOR SMITH (WHO MAY NOT YET HAVE PRESENTED CREDENTIALS), OBSERVERS FROM USIA AND THE PEACE CORPS, WILLIAM STOKES OF S/IG, WHOSE PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BECUASE OF HIS INSPECTION ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, AND AN EMBASSY OF-

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FICER WHO WOULD PREPARE A SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF THE DISCUSSION. AMBASSADOR EASUM WOULD MAKE A SHORT INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY JOHN BLANE WHO WOULD SPEAK ON THE CILSS MEETING IN BAMAKO WHICH HE WILL HAVE ATTENDED. THEREAFTER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN THEIR WEST AFRICAN CONTEXT. AMBASSADOR EASUM WOULD EXPECT THE COMS TO ADDRESS THEM FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE CAPITALS TO WHICH THEY ARE ACCREDITED.

A. ENERGY CRISIS.

B. COMMODITY AND RAW MATERIAL PROBLEMS AS THEY MAY SURFACE AT THE SPECIAL UNGA BEGINNING IN APRIL.

C. THE CURRENT ROLE, ATTITUDES, AND LONGER TERM INTENTIONS OF EUROPEAN, SOVIET AND CHINESE DONORS.

D. WHAT THE ARAB STATES ARE DOING AND HOW THEY ARE REGARDED.

E. THE PRESENT AND POTENTIAL ROLE OF US COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT INTERESTS.

5. IF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRADFORD CAN ATTEND THE MEETING, HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING THE CONFERENCE PERIOD TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS.

6. WE EXPECT THAT THE GOIC WILL WISH TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR EASUM FOR A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY AND FOREIGN MINISTER USHER, IF THEY ARE IN ABIDJAN. BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER, IN INTEREST OF TIME, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE IVORY
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COAST INITIATIVES.

7. SUGGEST THAT ONLY SOCIAL OCCASION WHICH EMBASSY MIGHT UNDERTAKE BE A COCKTAIL MARCH 29 OR 30 FOR PARTICIPANTS, US STAFF, AND, IF APPROPRIATE, IVORY COAST OFFICIALS, AND SAHEL DONOR REPRESENTATIVES. KISSINGER

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